To
1. Chief Secretaries/ Administrators of all States/UTs
2. Home Secretaries/ DsGP/ CsP of all States/UTs
3. Head of all CAPFs/CPOs
4. Directors, IB and CBI.

Sub: Withdrawal/forfeiture of President’s Police Medal and Police Medal.

Sir/Madam,

Please refer to this Ministry’s letter No. 11019/02/2010-PMA dated 9th/16th February, 2010 (copy enclosed) vide which guidelines detailing procedure for withdrawal/restoration of Medals were circulated.

2. As per Rule 6 of the President’s Police Medal Rules and Rule 8 of the Police Medal Rules (framed under Statute Eighty of the Statutes relating to the award of President’s Police Medal and Police Medal Notification No. 3-Pres, dated 1st March, 1951), the medal is liable to be forfeited/withdrawn/annulled under the following circumstance(s) when:

(i) the awardee is convicted by any court of law for such an act or conduct involving moral turpitude which brings the Police Force into disrepute;

(ii) the awardee is dismissed from the service for such an act or conduct which brings the Police Force into disrepute;

(iii) Any other act/conduct of the awardee which is specifically not covered under (i) and (ii) nevertheless attracts the provisions of Rule 6 of the President’s Police Medal Rules and Rule 8 of the Police Medal Rules on the ground of disloyalty, cowardice in action or such conduct as in the opinion of the President, brings the force into disrepute.
3. It has been observed that the State Governments/Organizations are not strictly adhering to the guidelines related to withdrawal of medals. An instance has been noticed that a gallantry medal awardee was convicted by the Hon'ble court and subsequently dismissed from service in 2006 but concerned State Government/Organization did not bring the facts to the notice of this Ministry, as a result, the process of withdrawal of gallantry medal could not be initiated in time. This has been considered to be a serious lapse and needs to be avoided at all costs otherwise ineligible and unworthy police officers will continue to be decorated with the prestigious gallantry medals.

4. All States/UTs/CAPFs/CPOs/Security Organizations are advised to strictly adhere to the guidelines and the cases covered under the circumstances mentioned in para 2, must be forwarded with specific recommendations to this Ministry immediately for appropriate action.

Encls:- As above.

Yours faithfully,

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No. 11019/02/2010-PMA  
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Dated the 9th February 2010.

To  

1. The Home Secretaries/DGsp of all States/Union Territories  
2. Director-IG/CB/SVP NPA/SPG/NEPA/NICFS/CSF/DCPW/NCRB  
3. DGs - BSF/CRPF/ITBP/CISF/NSG/RPF/BRP&D/SSB/NIA/Assam Rifles (Through LOAR)  

Subject: Recommendation for Withdrawal/Restoration of President's Police Medal / Police Medal.  

Sir,

The President's Police Medal and Police Medal are conferred on the members of the Police Forces, Central Police/Security Organizations throughout the Indian Union in consideration of the meritorious service/gallantry/outstanding devotion to duty. However, the medal is liable to be forfeited when the holder is guilty of disloyalty, cowardice in action or such conduct as in the opinion of the President, bring the force into disrepute. Copies of the Statutes and Rules relating to the President's Police Medal and the Police Medal (Notification Nos.3-Pres and 4-Pres dated 1st March, 1951) are enclosed as Annexure-I and Annexure-II. Guidelines detailing the procedure for withdrawal/restoration of Medals is also enclosed as Annexure-III.

2. It is requested that cases covered as per the above Statute Rules and Guidelines for withdrawal of medals, if any, may please be forwarded to this Ministry for further action.


Joint Secretary to the Government of India  
Tel: 23094927
STATUTES AND RULES RELATING TO THE PRESIDENT’S POLICE MEDAL AND THE POLICE MEDAL

The following is a reprint of Notification Nos. 3-Pres and 4-Pres, dated 1st March, 1951 as amended up to the 21st January, 2011.

PRESIDENT’S SECRETARIAT

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 1st March, 1951

No. 3-Pres- The President is pleased to institute the following awards to be conferred on members of Police Forces, Central Police/Security Organizations throughout the Indian Union in consideration of the meritorious service or gallantry and outstanding devotion to duty to be designated ‘President’s Police Medal’ and ‘Police Medal’ respectively and to make ordain and establish the following statutes governing them which shall be deemed to have effect from the twenty sixth day of January in the year one thousand nine hundred and fifty.

PRESIDENT’S POLICE MEDAL:

Firstly: The award shall be in the form of a medal and styled and designated the PRESIDENT’S POLICE MEDAL and (hereinafter referred to as the Medal).

* Secondly: The Medal shall be circular in shape, made of silver gold gilt, one and three eighth inches in diameter, and shall have embossed on the obverse the design of a heraldic Star in the Centre and shall have engraved on the upper edge, the words “राष्ट्रपति का पुरस्कार पदक” and the words “President’s Police Medal – INDIA inscribed on the lower edge thereof. Hindi and English inscription shall be separated by a small Star appearing on either side. On the reverse, it shall have embossed the State Emblem in the centre and words “वीरता के लिए” or “विशिष्ट सेवा के लिए” and the words “For Gallantry” or “For Distinguished Service” on the upper and lower edge respectively. The words “सत्यमेव जयते” shall be embossed below the State Emblem. The State Emblem and the writings around it, shall be encircled by a wreath. On the rim, the name of the person to whom the medal has been awarded, shall be inscribed.
Thirdly: The Medal shall only be awarded to those who have either performed acts of exceptional courage and skill or exhibited conspicuous devotion to duty as members of police forces and Central Police/Security Organizations within the territory of India.

Fourthly: The names of those to whom this medal may be awarded may be published in the Gazette of India and a Register of such names may be kept in the Ministry of Home Affairs by such person as the President may direct.

Fifthly: Each Medal shall be suspended from the left breast and the ribbon, of an inch and three eighth in width, shall, in the case of distinguished service, be half blue and half silver white, and in the case of awards for acts of exceptional courage and gallantry the ribbon will be half blue and half silver white, the two colours being separated by a vertical red line 1/8" in width.

Sixthly: Any act of gallantry which is worthy of recognition by the award of PRESIDENT'S POLICE MEDAL but is performed by one upon which the Decoration has already been conferred, may be recorded by a Bar attached to the ribbon by which the medal is suspended. For every such additional act an additional Bar may be added and for each Bar awarded a small silver rose with gold gilt shall be added to the ribbon when worn alone.

Seventhly: It shall be competent for the President to cancel and annul the award to any person of the above Decoration and that there upon his name in the Register shall be erased. It shall, however, be competent for the President to restore any Decoration, which may have been so forfeited. Every person to whom the said decoration is awarded shall, before receiving the same, enter into an agreement, to return the medal if his name is erased as aforesaid. Notice of cancellation or restoration in every case shall be published in the Gazette of India.

Eighthly: It shall be competent for the President to make rules to carry out the purpose of these statutes.

POLICE MEDAL:

Firstly: The award shall be in the form of a medal and styled and designated the POLICE MEDAL (hereinafter referred to as the MEDAL).

Secondly: The Medal shall be circular in shape made of bronze, one and three eighth inches in diameter and shall have embossed on the obverse the State Emblem in the Centre and the words "सत्यमेव जयते" inscribed thereunder. The words "पुलिस पदक" and "Police Medal" shall appear on the upper edge and lower edge respectively.
Hindi and English inscriptions shall be separated by a small Star appearing on either side. On the reverse, it shall have embossed the words “भारतीय पुलिस” and the “Indian Police” on the upper and lower sides respectively. These inscriptions shall be separated by two parallel horizontal straight lines wherein the words “बौरता के लिए” and “For Gallantry” or “सर्वहारी सेवा के लिए” and “For Meritorious Service” shall be inscribed. This will be semi-circled by wreaths on either side of these lines. On the rim the name of the person to whom the medal has been awarded, shall be inscribed.

Thirdly: The Medal shall be awarded to only those members of a recognized police force or Central Police Security Organization within the territory of India, who have performed service of conspicuous merit and gallantry.

Fourthly: The names of those to whom this medal may be awarded may be published in the Gazette of India and a Register of such names shall be kept in the Ministry of Home Affairs by such a person as the President may direct.

Fifthly: Each medal shall be suspended from the left breast, and the riband of an inch and three eighth in width shall be dark blue with a narrow silver stripe on the either side and a rison stripe in the centre, and in the case of awards for acts of conspicuous gallantry each of the blue portions of the riband shall contain a silver line down the middle.

Sixthly: Any distinguished conduct or act of gallantry which is worthy of recognition by the award of the POLICE MEDAL but is performed by one upon whom the decoration has already been conferred may be recorded by a Bar attached to the riband by which the medal is suspended. For every such additional act an additional Bar may be added and for each Bar awarded a small silver rose shall be added to the riband when worn alone.

Seventhly: It shall be competent for the President to cancel and annul the award to any person of the above medal and that thereupon his name in the Register shall be erased. It shall, however, be competent for the President to restore any Medal which may have been so forfeited. Every person to whom the said decoration is awarded shall before receiving the same, enter into an agreement to return the medal if his name is erased as aforesaid. Notice of cancellation or restoration in every case shall be published in the Gazette of India.

Eighthly: It shall be competent for the President to make rules to carry out the purpose of these statutes.

Sd/-xx
Shavax A. Lal
Secretary

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 1st March, 1951.

No. 4-Pres-In accordance with the Statute 'eighthly' of the statutes relating to the award of the President's Police Medal and the Police Medal, the following rules governing them are notified.

PRESIDENT'S POLICE MEDAL

1. Recommendations for award on the ground of conspicuous gallantry shall be made as soon as possible after the occasion of which the conspicuous gallantry was shown and in special circumstances recommendations for awards on other grounds may be made at any time for an immediate award.

2. All the recommendations shall state the name and rank of the person recommended, the name of the Police Force, or the Unit of the Central Police/Security Organizations of which he is or was a Member and particulars of the gallantry of service for which the grant of the medal is recommended.

3. The number of medals awarded for Distinguished Service in any one year shall not exceed 178. % There will be no limit on the number of medals to be awarded for gallantry in any one year.

4. The medal shall be awarded:

   (i) For conspicuous gallantry in saving life and property, or in preventing crime or arresting criminals, the risks incurred being estimated with due regard to the obligations and duties of the officer concerned.

   (ii) A special distinguished record in police service or in the Central Police/Security Organizations.

   (iii) Success in organizing Police Service or the Units of Central Police/Security Organization or in maintaining their organizations under special difficulties.

   (iv) Special Service in dealing with serious or widespread out breaks of crime or public disorder.

   (v) Prolonged service, but only when distinguished by very exceptional ability and merit.

% Fixed at 45 in 1951 and thereafter re-fixed at 75, 125, 140 in 1971, 1994, 2006 respectively. Substituted vide President Sect's Notification No. 2-Pres/2011 dated 21st January, 2011 and Refixed the number as 178.
5. When awarded for gallantry the medal shall carry a monetary allowance at the rates and subject to the conditions set forth below. The charges thereof shall be borne by the revenues of the State/Union Territories concerned in respect of recipients belonging to the State/Union Territories and by the respective Central Police/Security Organizations in respect of Officers belonging to these organizations.

(a) Where an officer, who has already been awarded either the King’s Police and Fire Service Medal or that Medal and a Bar, or Bar thereto for gallantry, is subsequently awarded the President’s Police Medal for a further act of gallantry, he shall be paid a monetary allowance attached to the latter Medal in addition to the original allowance and not the full allowance attached to the Medal itself. Where an officer who has already been awarded the Indian Police Medal for Gallantry is subsequently awarded the President’s Police Medal for a further act of gallantry, he shall be paid the full allowance attached to the latter Medal in addition to the original allowance.

(b) The allowance shall be granted from the date of the act for which the award is given and unless, it is forfeited for misconduct, shall continue until death.

(c) Where a recipient is in receipt of the allowance at the time of his death, it shall be continued for life or till re-marriage of his widow (the first married wife having the preferences), in the case of posthumous award of the Medal or a Bar, the allowance shall be paid, from the date of the act for which the award is made, to the widow (the first married wife having preference) for her life or till re-marriage.

(d) When the award is made posthumously to a bachelor the monetary allowance shall be paid to his father or mother and in case the posthumous awardee is widower, the allowance shall be paid to his sons below 18 years or unmarried daughter, as the case may be.

(e) All the recipients of this gallantry award shall be entitled to the monetary allowance on the uniform rate, irrespective of their ranks.


6. The Medal is liable to be forfeited when the holder is guilty of disloyalty, cowardice in action or such conduct as in the opinion of the President, brings the force into disrepute.

7. Recommendations for the announcement of awards for distinguished service on the 26th January (Republic Day) and the 15th August (Independence Day) should be forwarded so as to reach the Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, not later than the 26th October, and the 15th May, respectively each year.

POLICE MEDAL

1. Recommendations for awards on the ground of conspicuous gallantry shall be made as soon as possible after the occasion of which the conspicuous gallantry was shown and in special circumstances recommendations for awards on other grounds may be made at any time for an immediate award.

2. Each recommendations shall state the name and rank of the person recommended, the name of the Police Force or the Unit of the Central Police/Security Organizations of which he is or was a Member and particulars of the action or service for which the grant of the medal is recommended.

3. The number of medals awarded for meritorious service in any one year shall not exceed 1315. There will be no limit on the number of medals to be awarded for gallantry in any one year.

4. The Medal will be awarded:

   (i) For conspicuous gallantry. Awards for gallantry will be made as soon as possible after the event occasioning the grant.

   (ii) For valuable services characterized by resource and devotion to duty including prolonged service or ability and merit.

5. (a) When awarded for gallantry the medal as also the Bar to the Medal shall, subject to the conditions set forth for President's Police Medal for Gallantry, carry a monetary allowance # on a uniform rate as may be fixed by the Central Govt. from time to time irrespective of the rank of the recipient. # # The charges thereof, shall be borne by the revenues of the State/Union Territories concerned in respect of recipients belonging to the State/Union Territories and by the concerned Central Police/Security Organizations in respect of the recipient belonging to these organizations.

(b) Where an officer who has already been awarded either the Indian Police Medal or that Medal and Bar or Bars thereto for gallantry is subsequently awarded the Police Medal for a further act of gallantry, he shall be paid a monetary allowance attached to the latter Medal in addition to the original allowance and not the full allowance attached to the Medal itself. Where an officer who has already been awarded the King’s Police and Fire Services Medal for Gallantry is subsequently awarded the Police Medal for a further act of gallantry he shall be paid the full allowance attached to the latter Medal in addition to the original allowance.

6. The Medal for gallantry shall be worn next to and immediately after the PRESIDENT’S POLICE AND FIRE SERVICE MEDAL/President’s Police Medal for Distinguished Service.

7. The award of the Medal will not be a Bar to the subsequent award of the PRESIDENT’S POLICE MEDAL.

8. The Medal is liable to be forfeited when the holder is guilty of disloyalty, cowardice in action or such conduct as in the opinion of the President brings the force into disrepute.

9. Recommendations for the announcement of awards for meritorious service on the 26th January (Republic Day) and the 15th August (Independence Day) should be forwarded so as to reach the Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, not later than the 26th October, and the 15th May, respectively each year.

Sd/-
(SHAVAX A.LAL)
SECRETARY

# Refixed at Rs. 120/- p.m with effect from 1.8.1997 vide President Sectt. Notification No. 101-Pers/98 dated 18.8.1998 and enhanced to Rs. 450/-p.m. with effect from 6.12.1999 vide MHA letter No. 11026/10/98-PMA dated 6.12.1999 and further enhanced to Rs. 900/- p.m. with effect from 5th September, 2008 vide MHA letter No. 11026/04/2008-PMA dated 5.9.2008 respectively.

ANNEXURE III

Guidelines detailing the procedure for Withdrawal/Restoration of Medals

As per Rule 6 of the President's Police Medal Rules and Rule 8 of the Police Medal Rules (framed under Statute Eighty-six of the Statutes relating to the award of the President's Police Medal and the Police Medal Notification No. 3-Pres, dated 1st March, 1951), the medal is liable to be forfeited when the holder is guilty of disloyalty, cowardice in action or such conduct as in the opinion of the President, brings the force into disrepute. The Statute Seventh of President's Notification No. 3-Pres, dated 1st March, 1951 also provides for restoration of the medal earlier forfeited under Rule 6 of the President's Police Medal Rules and Rule 8 of the Police Medal Rules.

Withdrawal of Medals: The medals may be forfeited/withdrawn/annulled under the following circumstance(s) when:

(i) the awardee is convicted by any court of law for such an act or conduct involving moral turpitude which brings the Police Force into disrepute.

(ii) the awardee is dismissed from the service for such an act or conduct which brings the Police Force into disrepute.

(iii) Any other act/conduct of the awardee which is specifically not covered under (i) and (ii) nevertheless attracts the provisions of Rule 6 of the President's Police Medal Rules and Rule 8 of the Police Medal Rules on the ground of disloyalty, cowardice in action or such conduct as in the opinion of the President brings the force into disrepute.

Regarding withdrawal under circumstances as enumerated in (i) and (ii) of the above para, the Ministry of Home Affairs, after due examination shall obtain the approval of the Competent Authority. In respect of cases falling under (iii) above, the Ministry may consult the Central Police Awards Committee (CPAC) before recommending the case for approval of the Competent Authority for withdrawal of Medals.

Restoration of Medals

The restoration of a medal may be considered if the officer is subsequently exonerated or cleared of the charges framed against him/her by the court of law or his/her department. The Ministry of Home Affairs, after due examination and in consultation with Central Police Awards Committee (CPAC) shall obtain the approval of the Competent Authority for restoration of medal.